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10. (Confidential - JMM) John Marks, on the staff of Senator Clifford P. Case, called to say that he had discussed with the Senator the Director's letter of 16 November (confirming our willingness to brief the Senator privately on certain matters, but not members of his staff). Marks said the Senator found this response "unacceptable" and he was about to call State Department to so inform them. (One of the Senator's questions involved had originally been levied on the State Department, which referred it to the Agency.) He said he had hoped they could handle the matter quietly, but apparently this might not be possible. I thanked Marks for his call.

Called Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and told him of Mark's call. I reminded him that I had informed Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, of the matter, and had also obtained the approval of Senator Stennis for the action we had taken.

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11. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to [redacted] who told me that Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs, David H. Ward, and Major General Bruce Kendall will be appearing before the Panama Canal Subcommittee of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and will be testifying among other things on nonmilitary installations in the zone. [redacted] is forwarding a sanitized briefing outline concerning the Panama Bureau together with a short backup statement of the [redacted] relationship to CIA for use in the event the witnesses are pressed on this point.

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12. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that Mr. Robert A. Blum has received a TS clearance from DOD by letter from Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), dated 8 November 1971. Miss Susan Grace Scales McMahon, Mr. Kuhl's assistant, was granted a TS clearance by DOD by letter from Rady Johnson dated 29 September 1971. Mr. Kuhl noted, in passing, that Mr. Blum is doing research for the Committee relating to the "Pentagon Papers." Although the research is scheduled to cover many years of Committee testimony, Mr. Kuhl is not familiar with the status of this project.

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13. (Secret - JGO) Mr. Phillip Trimble, Staff Consultant, Senate Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Law and Organization (the Muskie Subcommittee of Senate Foreign Relations Committee), visited Headquarters for an updating of information provided the Committee concerning ChiCom weapons systems. Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, reviewed with him various missile sites and production facilities, aircraft, submarines, and the current political situation. Mr. Trimble was most appreciative and indicated on his way out of the building that he doubts that the Chairman will conduct any hearings pending the President's trip to China other than possible meetings with recent returnees from China.

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14. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from [redacted] C/VNO [redacted], who told me the desk has received an inquiry from their counterparts at State concerning a transmittal note request from Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.) for comments concerning a 31 October Milwaukee news report of clandestine radio transmitter operations in Laos. The desk will suggest to State that a response to the effect that while there have been press reports concerning such a radio, the Department has no information on it.

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15. (Unclassified - LLM) Called Donald Elisburg, Associate Counsel of Welfare and Pension Study Staff of the Subcommittee on Labor, Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, concerning the status of S 2515, Equal Opportunity Enforcement Act. He said that the leadership had agreed that it would be one of the first items of business for the Senate after it reconvened in January for the Second Session of the 92nd Congress.

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